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FOR AMBASSADOR MARSHALL FROM SCHAUFEELE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, PFOR, KE, SE, US

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR P-3 LANDING RIGHTS IN KENYA AND  
SEYCHELLES

1. SUMMARY: DEPARTMENT HAS AGREED TO DEFENSE PROPOSAL  
THAT WE SEEK AGREEMENT OF GOK AND GOS TO PERMIT REGULAR  
LANDINGS BY P-3 ("ORION") MARITIME SURVEILLANCE AIRCRAFT  
IN THESE COUNTRIES. THIS MESSAGE AUTHORIZES AND PROVIDES  
GUIDANCE FOR APPROACHES TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. BACKGROUND (FYI ONLY): DEFENSE DESIRES TO USE AIR-  
FIELDS IN KENYA AND SEYCHELLES AS TURNAROUND POINTS AND  
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REFUELING STOPS FOR P-3 FLIGHTS. IN INDIAN OCEAN AREA  
P-3S CURRENTLY OPERATE OUT OF DIEGO GARCIA, MASIRAH (OMAN),  
BANDAR ABBAS (IRAN) AND SOMETIMES DJIBOUTI, ALL SIGNIFI-  
CANTLY NORTH OR EAST OF KENYA AND SEYCHELLES. ACQUISITION  
OF LANDING RIGHTS IN LATTER TWO COUNTRIES WOULD SIGNIFI-  
CANTLY EXTEND POTENTIAL AREA OF SURVEILLANCE COVERAGE IN  
INDIAN OCEAN AND WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL FOR SUR-

VEILLANCE AS NECESSARY OF MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL AREA. PRESENT INTEREST IS PRIMARILY IN ESTABLISHING LANDING RIGHTS IN BOTH COUNTRIES, AND IN INAUGURATING ROUTINE PATTERN OF FLIGHTS ON RELATIVELY LOW BUT FLEXIBLE FREQUENCY WHICH COULD BE INCREASED IN FUTURE SHOULD OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS WARRANT.

3. GUIDANCE: YOU SHOULD SEEK FROM GOK AND GOS APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE OF AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF P-3 LANDINGS IN EACH COUNTRY. APPROACHES SHOULD BE ORAL, AND SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT WRITTEN AGREEMENT IS NOT BEING SOUGHT BUT THAT FORMAL GOK/GOS CLEARANCE FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL LANDING WOULD BE REQUESTED BY EMBASSIES NAIROBI/VICTORIA VIA NORMAL DIPLOMATIC FLIGHT CLEARANCE PROCEDURES, THUS PROVIDING GOK/GOS BOTH NOTIFICATION AND CONTROL OF ACTUAL FLIGHT FREQUENCY.

4. IN SUPPORT OF REQUESTS, YOU MAY NOTE THAT STABILITY OF INDIAN OCEAN AREA IS CLEARLY IN THE INTEREST OF LITTORAL STATES AS WELL AS ALL MAJOR TRADING/MARITIME NATIONS SUCH AS U.S. OUR ABILITY TO FLY MARITIME SURVEILLANCE AIRCRAFT IN REGION HELPS ENSURE THIS STABILITY AS WELL AS CONTRIBUTING TO AVAILABLE BODY OF USEFUL GENERAL INFORMATION ON WEATHER AND OCEANOGRAPHIC CONDITIONS IN AREA. WE WOULD HOPE THAT GOK AND GOS, AS STATES WITH WHOM WE HAVE COOPERATIVE AND UNDERSTANDING BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS, WILL RESPOND POSITIVELY TO OUR REQUEST.

5. IF PRESSED ON PROJECTED FREQUENCY OF FLIGHTS, YOU MAY INFORM GOK AND GOS THAT FREQUENCY COULD VARY SIGNIFICANTLY  
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ACCORDING TO OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, BUT THAT INITIAL PLANNING IS TO COMMENCE FLIGHTS AT FREQUENCY OF ONE PER QUARTER (IN EACH CASE). YOU MAY ALSO INFORM GOVERNMENTS THAT USUAL PATTERN OF FLIGHTS WOULD INVOLVE OVERNIGHT STOP FOR CREW AND DEPARTURE ON DAY FOLLOWING ARRIVAL. AIRPORTS INVOLVED WOULD BE MOMBASA AND NAIROBI (EASTLEIGH) IN KENYA, MAHE IN SEYCHELLES.

6. IF GOK OR GOS RAISE ISSUE OF SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES, YOU MAY INFORM THEM THAT NO U.S. GROUND SUPPORT PERSONNEL OR EQUIPMENT ON PERMANENT STATION IN EITHER LOCATION ARE NECESSARY OR ENVISAGED IN SUPPORT OF P-3 FLIGHTS. NOR, EXCEPT IN UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES (IN WHICH CASE WE WOULD CONSULT GOVERNMENTS IN ADVANCE), WOULD SUPPORT PERSONNEL OR EQUIPMENT NEED TO BE BROUGHT INTO EITHER COUNTRY FOR INDIVIDUAL FLIGHTS. REFUELING AND NORMAL PARKING/HANGAR AND SECURITY SERVICES WOULD BE ONLY REQUIREMENTS FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

7. WE LEAVE DETERMINATION OF MOST APPROPRIATE TIMING,  
ORDER AND LEVEL OF APPROACHES TO TWO GOVERNMENTS TO YOUR  
DISCRETION. PLEASE REPORT RESULTS OF APPROACHES AS  
AVAILABLE. FURTHER DETAILS OF PROPOSAL CAN BE PROVIDED  
ON REQUEST IF NECESSARY.  
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